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Test your knowledge and win a poster!

The Lab's original wartime mission inspired an entire genre of pop culture; get your own Atomic Pop Culture poster.

By [National Security Research Center](#) staff

The Lab's advent of the atomic bomb helped end World War II in 1945 and also inspired an entire genre of pop culture, including movies, music, and comic books.

And it inspired today's staff at the National Security Research Center to share this unique and fascinating aspect of the Lab's original mission. The NSRC is the Lab's classified library and also houses unclassified legacy materials that preserve Los Alamos history – including the photos, film and other materials that influenced atomic pop culture.

To highlight this aspect of the Lab's original mission, One of the NSRC's graphic designers, **Gabriella Smith**, from CEA-CAS, created a poster that you can print and display.

3 ways to get a poster

1. Print it yourself. (The full-size version is at right. Just click and print!)
2. Contact the Lab's [Print Shop](#) and submit a print request.
3. **Win one!** Twelve employees who correctly answer the **trivia question below** within the next 24 hours will win a full-size, color poster.

In case you missed it!

Atomic pop culture is a reflection of the public's understanding of scientific advancements following the dawn of the Atomic Age with the [Trinity test](#) in the New Mexico desert. Society contextualized nuclear science into pop culture as a way of processing the era's immense technological progress.

Based on unclassified historical collections, archivists from the NSRC authored a three-part series on the Lab's post-World War II influence on pop culture:

- [movies](#)
- [music](#)
- [comics](#)

Trivia question:

What are examples of a movie, a song and a comic book that were inspired by the Lab's early nuclear science?

Email your answer to nsrcposters@lanl.gov for a chance to win a poster.